

Bovine smuggling attempt foiled; 5 bovines rescued, vehicle seized

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police has foiled bovine smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ghagwal, rescued five bovines and seized vehicle used for illegal transportation of bovines.

A Police team headed by SHO PS Ghagwal while performing vehicle checking duty at NHW Naka Tappal, signalled to stop a Mahindra load Carrier without registration number for checking. But the driver instead of stopping the vehicle, accelerated the speed and tried to flee away from the spot. The alert police party successfully chased the vehicle and intercepted it at few meters away from naka point.

During checking of the vehicle, five bovines were found laden inside which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. All the rescued bovines have been shifted to a safer place.

A case FIR No. 180/2024 U/S 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at PS Ghagwal and investigation started.

Action against illegal mining continues in Mendhar

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POONCH: The District Police poonch continues its relentless crackdown on illegal mining activities in the Mendhar area.

As part of ongoing efforts, police teams have intensified their vigilance to ensure no unauthorized mining activities take place in the area. The district Police have reiterated their commitment to maintaining strict compliance with mining regulations. Regular inspections, surprise raids, and the confiscation of equipment used in illegal mining operations have become routine measures. Any individual or entity found violating the law will face strict legal action.

Speaking on the issue Senior Superintendent of Police Poonch has stated that "Illegal mining not only causes severe environmental degradation but also deprives the government of crucial revenue. We urge citizens to report any suspicious activities and assure that all complaints will be dealt with swiftly and effectively."

The district police has further emphasized that no illegal mining will be permitted under any circumstances. Residents

are encouraged to cooperate with authorities to protect the region's natural resources and ensure sustainable development.

Missing woman traced out, re-united with family

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BHADARWAH: A missing report of a lady resident of Lanchan Tehsil Bhaderwah District Doda was entered in PP Bhalra of PS Bhaderwah on Dec 23, 2024 and now she has been traced and re-united with her family.

Soon after getting the information regarding her missing, Police swung into action and a team was constituted from Police Post Bhalra and Police Station Bhaderwah led by IC PP Bhalra in search of missing lady.

The Police team by using all possible means as well as technical help and after getting some clues about her presence in Mathola area, succeeded in tracing her out from Mathola Bhaderwah today within 2 days.

Accordingly, after completing all codal formalities, the lady has been handed over to her family and missing report has been closed.

Absconder evading arrest for six years arrested

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KISHTWAR: In a significant breakthrough, J&K Police in Kishtwar district apprehended an absconder who had been evading arrest for the past six years.

Sharing the details, SSP Kishtwar, stated that District Police Kishtwar had developed credible information about the fugitive. Acting on this information, a special team led by SHO P/S Kishtwar was constituted. Following the instructions, the team raided the suspected location and apprehended the wanted absconder, identified as Manzoor Ahmed, S/O Qasim Bakerwal, resident of Narsoo Nallah, Udhampur.

The absconder was wanted in connection with Case FIR No.



112/2019 under Sections 366, 376.D/344 RPC of Police Station Kishtwar. After his arrest, legal proceedings were promptly initiated.

Accused wanted under POCSO Act arrested

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UDHAMPUR: Police on Wednesday nabbed an accused wanted under POCSO Act. On Dec 6, 2024, a complaint was lodged at PS Majalta by the parents of victim (minor girl). Based on the contents of the complaint a case FIR No. 115/2024 u/s 5 (j)(ii)/6/POCSO Act and 65(1)BNS Act got registered in the records of Police Station Majalta. Immediately upon registration of FIR, various police teams were constituted and they swung into action to track and apprehended the accused. Raids were conducted at various locations. After relentless efforts, police team successfully arrested the accused person namely Raj Kumar, son of Dharam Chand, resident of Deot, Majalta and further investigation is under progress.

Narco smuggler nabbed with 3.14 grams of heroin

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UDHAMPUR: District Police Udhampur arrested one more drug peddler in the jurisdiction of Police Station Chenani and recovered 3.14 grams of heroin like substance from his possession. Police team from PS Chenani while performing traffic checking duty apprehended one person namely Musharaf alias Rambo, son of Mohd. Arif, resident of W.No. 04 Chenani who turned to be suspicious as he diverted his way and moved towards opposite lane (on NHW) on seeing police team. Upon conducting thorough frisking, 3.14 grams of heroin like substance was recovered from his possession who has been arrested on spot. On this, a case FIR No. 189/2024 under relevant sections of law stands registered at PS Chenani.

9 drug peddlers arrested; Contraband/psychotropic substances recovered

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SRINAGAR: In its tireless efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested nine drug peddlers in various districts of Kashmir valley and recovered contraband/psychotropic substances from their possession.

In Srinagar, a Police party of PS Nowhatta, during routine naka checking at Ganj Baksh Park, apprehended two drug ped-

dlers identified as Khalid Ahmad son of Mohd Ismail Rather resident of Rashan Ghat, Soura, and Basit Ahmad Dar son of Bilal Ahmad Dar resident of Usmaniya Colony, Wantpora, Eidgah. During search, substantial quantity of contraband substances was recovered from their possession.

In Baramulla district, a Police party of Police Station Baramulla at a checkpoint established at Azadgunj Chowk Baramulla, intercepted a person identified as Mubashir Mohiuddin Dar son of Gh Mohiuddin resident of Azadgunj. During search, 200 grams of Charas was recovered from his possession. He has been subsequently arrested.

Meanwhile in Bandipora, during naka checking at Papachan bridge, officials of PS Bandipora apprehended a drug peddler and recovered 47 Bottles of Codeine Phosphate bottles from his possession. He has been identified as Irshad Ahmad Wani son of Habibullah Wani resident of Hajin. Similarly, during naka checking at Shokhaba Sumlar another drug peddler was arrested along with 40 grams of Charas was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Ab Rashid Sheikh son of Sonaullaha Sheikh resident of Arin. Moreover, a police party at a checkpoint established at Check Chandergaer, intercepted a vehicle (Maruti Alto Car) bearing registration No. JK15C-0747 driven by Mohamad Aqib Wani son of Gh Mohd Wani resident of Hajin. During search, 98 bottles of Codeine Phosphate were recovered from his possession. The driver has been arrested and the vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized. In a similar action by Sopore Police, a Police party of Police Post Putkha at a checkpoint established at Trumgund Crossing arrested two drug peddlers identified as Aamir Farooq Dar son of Farooq Ahmad Dar resident of Ningli Sopore and Javaid Ahmad Gujri @Diya Goor son of Ghulam Nabi Gujri resident of Jamai Qadeem Sopore. During search, 20 grams of Brown Sugar was recovered from their possession. In Kupwara, a police party intercepted a motorcycle bearing Registration No. JK05D-5529, at a checkpoint established at Batergam near Petrol Pump, travelling towards Trehgam. The motorcycle identified as Mohd Anwar Raina son of Mohd Israiel Raina resident of Amroohi, Karnah, Kupwara tried to flee from the spot but was apprehended tactfully. During search, 14 grams of brown sugar was recovered from his possession. Preliminary investigation has revealed that the accused was allegedly carrying the contraband substance to promote drug abuse among the youth of Kupwara, posing a serious threat to the well-being of the society.

Regarding the incidents, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations, and investigations have been initiated.

72-hour shutdown in Katra begins against ropeway project; protesters detained

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REASI/JAMMU: Several people were detained by police during a protest in Katra, the base camp of the Mata Vaishno Devi temple in Jammu and Kashmir, as demands to shelve the proposed ropeway project intensified with the town observing a 72-hour shutdown from Wednesday.

The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sangarsh Samiti called for the bandh and said that all activities in Katra would remain suspended during the protest.

Scores of people led by Samiti leaders Bhupinder Singh and Sohan Chand took out a protest march in the town, raising slogans against the Shrine Board and the administration, accusing them of adopting a stubborn attitude.

However, when police personnel stopped the protesters from advancing, clashes broke out between the two sides.

Several protesters, including Singh and Chand, were detained by the police and taken away in a police vehicle from the protest site, officials said.

Singh alleged that the government was derailing the issue and



forcing the people of Katra to come on the roads.

"We are demanding the shelving of this project to save the jobs of thousands of people. Instead of holding talks with us, as promised by the administration, they are using police to detain us. This is unfortunate", he said.

Former minister Jugal Kishore criticised the "use of force" against the protesters.

"We strongly condemn the administration's move to use force against peaceful demonstrators. Their actions are aimed at disturbing the situation in Katra, which is unacceptable," Kishore told

reporters.

He accused the administration of avoiding dialogue. "Instead of holding discussions, they are aggravating the situation," he said.

In response to the protest call, all business establishments remained closed, and traffic was off the roads in the holy town.

"A 72-hour shutdown by pony owners, shopkeepers, and other local stakeholders began on Wednesday to protest the proposed ropeway project," a Samiti spokesperson said.

The spokesperson added that the administration had initially scheduled a meeting for December 23

Congress criticises arrest of Katra leaders

JAMMU: Congress has strongly criticised the administration for the arrest of several leaders in view of the ongoing agitation in Katra against the ropeway project.

In a statement JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla, Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma & Incharge Party HQ Ved Mahajan Ex MLC have strongly criticised the move of the administration and termed the same as illegal and arbitrary.

"The Congress leaders have taken strong exception to the action of administration and said that administration should have solved the genuine demands of agitating labour class and other residents instead of reporting to arbitrary and harsh actions.

"They demanded immediate unconditional release of detained leaders and holding of meaningful dialogue with all stakeholders.

but postponed it to 3 PM today.

"We met the Deputy Commissioner today, who requested more time to consult higher authorities. Therefore, we have decided to continue with the strike," he said.

Last month, the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board announced plans to install the ropeway to facilitate access to the temple for senior citizens, children, and others who find it challenging to trek the 13-km-long path to the cave shrine.

The proposed Rs 250-crore project aims to connect Tarakote Marg

to Sanji Chhat, which leads to the shrine.

Meanwhile, pilgrims expressed frustration over the shutdown, citing the closure of eateries and the suspension of local transport, which caused significant inconvenience.

"We are facing a lot of difficulties. Where will pilgrims eat or rest during this three-day bandh? This is not the right way to protest," a pilgrim told reporters.

"We humbly request those leading the protests to call off the strike, as thousands of pilgrims are facing hardships," he added.

Fresh snowfall in Guldanda meadow of Bhaderwah, tourists enjoying



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BHADARWAH: As predicted by Met Department, the famous tourist destination Guldanda in Jammu and Kashmir's Bhaderwah received fresh snowfall on Tuesday (December 24, 2024) as the cold wave conditions persisted across the valley and the minimum temperature plummeted several degrees below the freezing point, officials said.

The tourists from across the country are flocking to the Guldanda meadow, located at the height of about 10000 feet above the sea level, to enjoy the mundane beauty and live snowfall.

The tourists from Gujarat, Rajasthan, Ajmer, Delhi, Mumbai and other parts of the country reach out to the area and fully enjoyed the snowfall.

They described the snow filled Guldanda meadow as Heaven on Earth and appeal all to must visit the area to have nature's view.

They also appreciated the hospitality and cooperation of the people.

It is notable that District Administration is fully geared up to tap the recent snowfall to attract more tourists to Bhaderwah by organising Vibrant Bhaderwah Winter Festival from 29th December, which will conclude with the celebration of New Year on December 31st.

SSP Samba holds PCPG meeting in Ramgarh

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SAMBA: In order to reduce the gap between general public and police as well as to strengthen Police-Public relationship, SSP Samba Virinder Singh Manhas held a Police Community Partnership Group (PCPG) meeting in the premises of Police Station Ramgarh. The meeting saw the participation of BDC Chairman Ramgarh, DDC member Ramgarh, Vice Chairman Municipal Committee Ramgarh and large number of prominent citizens from Ramgarh and adjoining border villages Nandpur, Dug, Koulpur, Dubaj, Jerda and Rangoor.

The objective of the meeting was to discuss/acquaint with the problems of the general



SSP Samba Virinder Singh Manhas addressing gathering.

public of the area and to develop a sense among the general public that Police is committed for the safety & security of its citizens and is very much concerned to readress their genuine issues.

During the meeting, SSP assured the participants about the commitment of District Police Samba to its

fight against the crime and to provide safe and secure environment to the law abiding people.

SSP Samba warned strict action against the people indulging in drug trafficking, bovine smuggling and other criminal activities. Besides this, SSP appealed the participants to cooper-

ate and assist the Police to weed out the menace of drug abuse from society and highlighted the role of parents in this regard.

SSP Samba urged upon the public residing in the border villages to remain alert and inform Police about any suspicious movement, drone sighting or any incident of seeing objectionable object in their areas.

During the course of meeting, SSP Samba patiently heard the problems/issues highlighted by the participants and assured them that their genuine problems shall be redressed. At last chairing Police officer thanked the participants for sparing their valuable time to attend the meeting. On the occasion, SDPO Vijaypur, DySP DAR Samba, SHO PS Ramgarh and other Police Officers were also present.

SSP Jammu holds meetings at Gujjar Basti, Khairi, Bishnah

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JAMMU: In order to strengthen the bond between the police and the public, a Police Community Partnership Group(PCPG) meeting was organized by Police Station Bishnah in the Khairi area with the respectables/youth of Gujjar community. The meeting saw the participation of about 300 residents including youth as well as lot of women of the Khairi and such other adjacent habitations.

The event was chaired by SSP Jammu, Joginder Singh, accompanied by SP Headquarters Jammu, Irshad Hussain Rather,SDPO RS Pura Nikhil Gogna and SHO Bishnah Sushil Choudhary.

Various issues were discussed during the meeting, some related to the police department and others to the civil administration.



SSP Jammu, Joginder Singh interacting with locals.

Several respectables of the Gujjar community raised their issues/grievances before SSP Jammu during this interaction.

Addressing the gathering, SSP Jammu assured the residents that their grievances would be resolved at the earliest. He sought the community's cooperation in tackling serious issues such as drug abuse, bovine smuggling and theft incidents,

emphasizing that some mischievous elements are involved in such activities in District Jammu.

The SSP highlighted the importance of education ,games,Sports and encouraged the community to take advantage of government schemes designed for their upliftment.He also urged them to send their children for dairy farming training programs, which could provide additional

livelihood opportunities and also adopt latest dairy technologies to boost their income .

As the area is located not far from the International Border (IB), SSP Jammu advised residents to remain vigilant and immediately inform the police in case of any suspicious movements in the vicinity.

The community appreciated the efforts of Jammu Police in organizing such meetings, which play a vital role in bridging the gap between the police and the public.They also assured their full cooperation and support to the police department in maintaining law and order.

Such initiatives by the Jammu Police reflect their commitment to fostering trust and collaboration with the community while ensuring the safety and security of the region.

Pawan encourages youth to actively participate in sports, fitness activities

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UDHAMPUR: A Fitness Festival was organized at Mini Stadium Ground, Udhampur, promoting health, wellness, and physical

fitness among the community. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from fitness enthusiasts, athletes, and local residents.

Pawan Kumar Gupta, MLA, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his address, Pawan Gupta highlighted the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and encouraged the youth to actively participate in sports and fitness activities to build a strong and disciplined society.

Prizes and certificates were distributed to participants who showcased exceptional talent and perform-

ance during the festival. Pawan Kumar Gupta appreciated the efforts of the organizers and emphasized the need for promoting fitness programs to combat health issues and encourage a healthy community.

He stated, "Fitness is not just about physical strength but also mental well-being. Such events inspire people to adopt a healthier lifestyle and stay motivated to achieve their fitness goals."

The event concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chief Guest and all the participants, organizers, and supporters who made the festival a grand success.

Sham Lal calls on SDM Jammu South, Tehsildar Bishnah

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BISHNAH: Sham Lal Gupta, the Chairman of the Anti-Crime (NGO), called on Rafiq Ahmad Jaral, SDM Jammu South, and Ankush Tripathi, Tehsildar Bishnah, to express appreciation for their dedicated efforts in addressing public concerns and ensuring transparency in administrative processes.

During the meeting, Gupta acknowledged the commendable work undertaken by the administration in facilitating land registration processes and resolving genuine public grievances. He praised their efficient



handling of cases and their commitment to ensuring that public services are delivered seamlessly.

Gupta emphasized the importance of maintaining a corruption-free environment in public offices and praised the proac-

tive approach taken by SDM Rafiq Ahmad Jaral in streamlining procedures related to land registration and other civic issues. Similarly, he appreciated Tehsildar Ankush Tripathi for his diligent efforts in addressing citizens' concerns promptly

and ensuring justice in cases requiring administrative intervention.

Speaking on the occasion, Gupta stated, "The efforts of the administration in ensuring public trust and delivering on critical issues like land registration are truly praiseworthy. These initiatives have brought significant relief to the public and reinforced faith in governance."

SDM Rafiq Ahmad Jaral and Tehsildar Ankush Tripathi thanked Gupta for his acknowledgment and assured him of their continued commit-

ment to serving the people with honesty and integrity. They reiterated their focus on prioritizing public welfare and promoting transparent governance.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to fostering cooperation between public representatives and the administration to address civic issues effectively. The acknowledgment of genuine work being done by officials highlights the importance of collaborative efforts in building a more accountable and citizen-friendly administration.

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